

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 remain pending in the application. Applicant appreciates Examiner's acknowledgement of allowable subject matter in claims 4-14.

In response to the Drawing Objections, a Replacement Drawing Sheet has been included with the names/functions of the blocks on the blocks.

In response to the objection of the disclosure, informalities have been corrected per Examiner's observations.

Claims 4-14 have been amended per Examiner's observations. Claims 1 and 17 have been cancelled. Claims 2 and 3 have been amended to depend upon newly independent, allowable claim 4. Claims 5-14 have been amended to depend upon allowable claim 4. Claims 15-16 have been amended to depend upon allowable claim 4.

Claims 18-20 have been amended with the additional feature of "*wherein the first sensor device and the second sensor device are communicatively connected to each other and are able to provide each other with a signal related to the sensed characteristic,*" as was done for claim 4.

Since the newly independent claim 4 is allowable, Applicant asserts that the amendments to claims 18 and 20 make them allowable, as well.

Applicant requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

Applicant believes he has addressed the Examiner's concerns. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly requested.

The Commissioner is hereby requested and authorized pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a)(3), to treat any concurrent or future reply in this application requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. Please charge any additional fees which may

now or in the future be required in this application, including extension of time fees, but excluding the issue fee unless explicitly requested to do so, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-4019.

Respectfully submitted,

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